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First Preliminary Amendment

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority to international application number PCT/GB00/03301 filed August 30, 2000. This application also claims priority to patent application number 99306887.3 filed in the EPO on August 31, 1999.

In the Claims

Please amend page 58, line 1, as follows:

[CLAIMS]

What is claimed is:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (once amended) The compound of claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein a reporter moiety Rp is not present in Q.